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1. SYED ALI AHSAN, 55, VICE CHANCELLOR OF RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, WAS APPOINTED JUNE 22 AS A MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL OF ADVISORS WITH THE PORTFOLIO OF EDUCATION. HE REPLACES PROFESSOR ABDUL FAZAL, WHO RESIGNED, OSTENSIBLY FOR FAILING HEALTH.

2. AHSAN, BORN NEAR JESSORE ON MARCH 26, 1922, WAS DEUCATED AT DACCA UNIVERSITY AND SUBSEQUENTLY TAUGHT BENGALI AT A NUMBER OF UNIVERSITIES, INCLUDING DACCA, KARACHI AND CHITTAGONG. FROM 1972 TO 1975, HE SERVED AS VICE CHANCELLOR OF JAHANGIRNAGAR UNIVERSITY AND THEREAFTER BECAME VICE CHANCELLOR OF RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY. AHSAN IS DESCRIBED IN THE DACCA PRESS AS A POET AND LITERARY CRITIC OF INTERNATONAL RENOWN. THE NOBEL COMMITTEE OF THE SWEDISH ACADEMY REPORTEDLY INVITED HIM TO NOMINATE A
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CANDIDATE FOR THE NOBEL PRIZE FOR LITERATURE IN 1976. HE WAS ALSO AN ADVISOR TO THE UNESCO SECRETARIAT IN 1966. ABOUT 35 BOOKS ARE CREDITED TO HIM.

3. COMMENT: THERE HAD BEEN RUMORS FOR SEVERAL DAYS THAT ABDUL FAZAL HAD BEEN ASKED TO RESIGN, ALTHOUGH HE HAD DENIED IT. FAZAL, KNOWN ON THE COUNCIL OF ADVISORS AS

A LINK TO THE PRO-SOVIET LEFT, CAUSED THE BDG SOME EMBARRASSMENT LAST JANUARY WHEN HE GAVE A SPEECH AT THE BANGLADESH-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY ON THE ROLE OF THE U.S. "IMPERIALISTS" IN 1971 (REFTEL).

4. THE AMBASSADOR AND OTHERS WHO HAVE VISITED RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY HAVE FOUND AHSAN FRIENDLY, HIGHLY INTELLIGENT AND VERY MUCH IN CHARGE. HE REPORTEDLY HAS HAD A HEART PROBLEM, AND THERE HAS BEEN SPECULATION IN DACCA THAT HE MIGHT TURN DOWN THE APPOINTMENT ON THESE GROUNDS. HE HAS APPARENTLY BEEN PREVAILED UPON TO ACCEPT. WE BELIEVE THIS WILL PROVE TO BE A MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN THE LEADERSHIP OF AN IMPORTANT MINISTRY.
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